

**RIFA Environmental Monitoring Field Notes
Environmental Hazards Assessment Program
Environmental Monitoring and Pest Management Branch
Department of Pesticide Regulation
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Trip Date: November 17, 1999

Met at RIFA Headquarters, Costa Mesa, with Pest Exclusion and PDEP staff. Kean Goh, Jahan Motakef and Dave Kim, DPR, presented information to CDFA staff on environmental fate, runoff mitigation, label requirements and monitoring at the request of Mohammad Azhar, CDFA.

CDFA and CAC RIFA project meeting attendees:

Mohammad Azhar, Basil Ibewiro, David Quimayousie, Mamadou War, Ruben Arias and Marshall Anderson, CDFA-Pest Exclusion
Mohammad Zubaidy, CDFA PDEP
Heather Davidson, CDFA-Public Affairs
John Kabashima, UC Cooperative Extension
Nick Nisson, Orange CAC staff
Richard Iizuka and Dennis Vinopal, LA CAC staff
Renjie Hu and Todd Walker, DHS-VBDS
Jahan Motakef DPR-ENF
Kean Goh and Dave Kim, DPR-EM/PM

Meeting Highlights:

- a) Pest Exclusion Costa Mesa: Mohammad Azhar chairing meeting, John Blasius is no longer in Costa Mesa, is working on Mexican Fruit Fly (SD). Brian Cahill at Landscapers seminar. New RIFA find in OC nursery and also finds in excavated swimming pool soil. Compliance soil sampling at product destination, found one nurseries stock without insecticide residue in soil.
- b) Pest Exclusion Palm Desert: Compliance soil sampling at destination from 3 nurseries, waiting for analysis results. Working on redrawing quarantine boundaries. Cathedral City has been very proactive with pool contractor permitting. Helping with baiting in county. Working on compliance, valley has 79 Golf Courses (36 in quarantine area) and ~800 gardening contractors.
- c) PDEP: M. Zubaidy back from Mississippi discussed findings from research center. Coordinating with Vector Control in Orange Co. and Coachella Valley to take over eradication, Orange Co. Vector Control should take over program by Jan. Starting 2nd treatment for public access areas. Have not been doing private residences, Vector Control will have better access.
- d) Public Affairs: Performing presentations to Cal Trans and Vector Control.

- e) Orange Co.: Reviewing SB204, no decision on who will take over as lead agency in county yet.
- f) LA Co.: LA CAC will be lead agency in LA County funds. Six cities infested, all known infestations have been treated at least once. Baiting results look good.
- g) UC: Working on Alliance grant funding for mitigation study. RIFA colony research trailer almost complete. Fipronil research is still ongoing, looking into a sugar-water/fipronil bait. Working on training/educational videos, 5 different levels, from elementary school to PCO training.
- h) DPR-EM/PM: Will monitor surface water runoff from first major rain of the season.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 8, 1999.

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